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B'pest, Marsfield make bid for Gladesville Oval

A valuable piece of real estate in a Sydney suburb is the subject of feverish behind-the-scenes talks and conferences.

The aim of the people involved is to retain Gladesville Oval for soccer.

The Oval, presently valued at £15,000, is owned by some 250 shareholders, holding 3,000 shares.

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Deserted ground

Until about two years ago Gladesville-Ryde SFC used the Oval as their headquarters.

Since then, however, it has been only used for junior games occasionally as well as for training by Budapest-St. George three nights a week during 1964.

Recently feelers were put out to the shareholders through members of the adjoining Gladesville Bowling Club to sell the property.

According to some reports, a rugby league club was behind the move.

However, it is more probable that the Bowling Club itself is interested in buying the ground and build two more greens on the site.

The first significant move to save the ground for soccer was made by Marsfield Soccer Club, an active and progressive junior group in the Eastwood-Ryde area.

Marsfield president Charles Follington said yesterday that his club was inviting applications for debentures to buy the ground from the present shareholders.

"We hope we can raise enough in time", he said.

"It's essential that the Oval remain basically a soccer ground.

"We want to improve the facilities and eventually gain admission to the second division."

Marsfield fair

President Follington said Yugal's overtures for a joint [illegible] obtain the ground

"I think they wanted the merger to be some kind of a take-over," he said.

"This, of course, we could not agree to—it wouldn't be fair to the boys or their partners who have been helping us in the past."

Last weekend Budapest-St, George, at present Sydney's second most successful club, also started the ball rolling in a scheme to get part ownership of Gladesville Oval.

They had talks with the executive of the Board of Directors of the present shareholders as well as with Marsfield president Charles Follington.

This move appears to have every chance of succeeding.

"Some shareholders would be happier to grant a long term of lease on the ground," Budapest president Leslie Bordacs said yesterday.

"However, it appears that the majority want to sell their shares.

"They have had them for a long time and now they are sick of holding on to them any longer."

Budapest's move

Leslie Bordacs said Budapest tentatively suggested to the Board that a new company be formed.

Those who wish to retain their shares would then join the new company while the other shares would be bought up, probably at £6 each.

"We would be delighted to [illegible] this a joint enterprise

"It could be done on a joint partnership basis, not as a take-over.

"Apart from our share of investment, we would also provide the district with a top first division team and coaching know-how."

President Bordacs said his club was forced to seek a new ground as they were not making any headway at St. George.

"We've been there for two years—and still can't get a ground or even a site in the district.

"At Hurstville Oval last season we couldn't get more than six Sundays for our home matches.

"But our aim has been getting our own ground in the area—and in this we receive no support at all."

He said Budapest would not abandon the vast St. George junior district even if they succeeded in obtaining Gladesville Oval.

"We would work out some scheme whereby our club would still retain an interest in fostering junior soccer in the St. George district.

"We would continue helping them with coaching and would hope to use the best boys in our teams."

You could have really guessed: Cup draw alters

The one week old Ampol Cup draw has already been altered.

The Federation made a mistake when it gave Hakoah a bye in the first round.

Yugal, who finished fifth in the 1964 premiership should have had the bye and not seventh-placed Hakoah.

In the new draw Hakoah will meet Polonia-NS in the first round with the winner to meet South Coast United while Yugal are automatically in the quarterfinals where their opponents will be Budapest.

The Federation's error was pointed out by Yugal's Council delegate Maaron Kovacevic at last week's adjourned AGM meeting and the draw was altered on the spot.

JEFFREY MAY GET FULL ENGLAND CAP

— From Derek Hill —

London, Tuesday. — Alick Jeffrey, the former Prague and Auburn forward, is fast becoming the sensation of the English season.

At the moment Jeffrey is the second top scorer in English league football—and he seems destined not only to recapture his old glory but to surpass it.

It would not surprise many experts if England team manager Alf Ramsey took notice of this 27-year-old forward.

Jeffrey's manager at Doncaster Rovers, Bill Leivers is certain that Jeffrey will soon be called up for England duty.

Leivers, one the shrewdest, yet most diplomatic types in the game, seldom sticks his neck out, but now he did.

He said in a press statement, directed at Ramsey, that Jeffrey was once again good enough to play for England, after his two tragic leg breaks and his spell in Australia.

Of course, Ramsey could do a lot worse than give Jeffrey a new chance.

After all there are few inside-forwards, even in first division football, in his class.

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Brian Heward, the former Bankstown wing-half, has resigned for fourth division Lincoln City, whom he had last year deserted without a clearance.

Originally with Scunthorpe, Heward recently returned from Australia none the worse off for wear.

Lincoln City, however, will need far more than one returning prodigal son.

The once famous "Imps", not long ago regular members of the second division, exist on a shoestring and their gate-takings are so bad that even their clubhouse had to be sold.

Council decides upon devaluation of goals

— By PAUL DEAN —

It could have been the heat of the night, the apathy of the delega[illegible] or simply boredom which permeated throughout the room that di[illegible] trick.

Towards the end of its third consecutive Wednesday session, the NSW annual general meeting last week rubberstamped a motion that may well cause thrilling chaos next year.

The delegates, voting on an APIA motion, decided that goal averages will no longer count when vital placings in the competition depend upon them.

There was no discussion on the matter, nobody stood up to explain its hidden meaning or to tear it to shreds.

The delegates, by then tired, hot and sleepy, heard the motion put and lazily raised their hands, voting 20 to 7 in its favor.

It is safe to assume that the majority did not even know what the whole thing was about.

And knowing our set-up it is also safe to assume that once they find out, they will reverse the decision just as simply, just as blindly.

All without merits

It would be hard to search out any sane motives for this motion.

Maybe it was felt that it is "unjust" to a team to miss the semifinals or to be relegated because of a few odd goals, possibly a decimal point.

Or it could have been motivated by some clubs' ever-present greed for an extra quid—regardless of the consequences.

If the motion had any true merits, we confess a total ignorance of these.

However, the consequences may well be quite amusing—and bewildering.

The Council's decision means that as from next year neither the semifinals nor the relegation can be determined on goal averages.

If two or more teams finish up on the same number of points, they will have to play off.

This, in itself, is a negation of the fundamental aims of soccer—the scoring of goals.

After all, the game is played for goals and teams that score more and concede less should be rewarded.

Until now, when a team was leading 3-0 with 10 minutes or so to go, the opponents could reasonably be expected to try and hold the score or, even better, to bridge the gap—because of the important goal average.

In the future a 1-0 win will have precisely the same value as a 10-0 win—a fantastic attitude, to say the least.

The defences of losing teams will have no incentive to hold themselves togeth[illegible]—and neither will the winning forwa[illegible] feel like scoring more goals.

So, it is safe to assume, that m[illegible] unless they have a tight score tow[illegible] end, will die of tedium in the [illegible] stages.

But let's even be more practi[illegible] see what COULD happen under [illegible] and nonsensical rule.

During the 1965 competition te[illegible] fight for a total of 180 points—10 [illegible] round, throughout 18 rounds.

Thus it is mathematically possible [illegible] they all finish on 18 points.

In that case, of course, goal averag[illegible] won't count—and the entire competition must be replayed.

That, we admit, is most unlikely.

But it is possible that the first few and the last few will finish on equal points.

If, say, the first four do so it means that they have to play a round-robin before they set out to meet one another once again in the semifinals.

Chance for deadlock

Or what if, by some curious chance, the first five teams finish on equal 24 points and the last five on equal 12 points?

In that case you have two five-team round-robins to determine the semifinalists and the relegation issue.

Someone is likely to say that "all that may not happen at all."

Quite true. But the possibility for a chaotic situation has been created.

And the basic rule in arranging any sporting competition is to eliminate or at least reduce the chances for a deadlock.

In this case, the Council has increased these chances.

Had they been genuinely concerned with our state of football, they could have introduced, for at least a trial period, a new system whereby the goal difference and not goal average counts.

This is now in operation in Yugoslavia and it may encourage brighter, more attacking type of football.

Such a move in Sydney would have had a great deal of merit in it by rewarding the teams who go out and try to score many goals even if, in the process, they concede some.

But to abolish the importance of goals altogether—as the NSW Council has now done—is just about the most retrograde step taken during the already pretty chaotic year of 1964.

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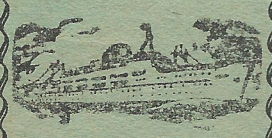
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EDITORIAL

Voting machines need overhaul

Sydney soccer is fast acquiring a reputation for changed plans, decisions or draws.

Hardly has the ink dried on a circular before a new one is sent out, advising of a revision or total reversal.

Just about every Cup draw in 1964 was changed from the original — the last because officialdom didn't seem to know the correct order of finish in the 1964 competition.

Tour plans are constantly changed and so are bigger projects like the Coaching Academy, World Cup representation, the position of the national coach, etc.

In minor matters changes come even more frequently and more inexplicably.

The Council may approve a motion by a large majority in one month — and then, without any debate or any reason at all, may change its decision at the next monthly meeting — with equally large majority.

It's quite obvious that the secret of good administration is stability — and constant changing and chopping cannot secure this.

It is a great pity that many club or Federation administrators fail to consider some issues carefully before voting on it.

Many delegates are only familiar with those which affect their own clubs — and vote on anything else with gay abandon, with astonishing indifference.

This situation needs urgent remedying — and the remedy should come from the clubs.

Let them select representatives who are capable of thinking in broader lines, in "global terms", for the good of the code.

Let's do away with those half-asleep voting machines to whom even a Council meeting is just a boring formality or, at best, a chance to sit at the table and look mighty important indeed.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

Brazil's top brass has World Cup plans in hand

Top soccer requires top class planning — and the Brazilians cannot be accused of leaving any details to chance in their bid to retain the World Cup.

Their preparations for 1966 have already started and a large squad has been selected.

This, in due course, will be gradually narrowed down to 40 and then 22 players — whose big task will be to take home the third "Copa del Mundo".

However, the Brazilian Federation also shows almost fantastic foresight on the administrative level.

Apparently the Brazilians seem to know that they will play in a group with its headquarters at Manchester.

All hotel rooms have already been booked—after a careful study on the spot by two top Brazilian officials earlier this year.

The Brazilians will arrive in England 30 days before the start of the World Cup.

Their timetable schedule is all ready.

This shows, for example, that at 5.10 p.m. on July 8, 1966 a bus has been booked to take the players to the Manchester United ground for training—the journey taking 20 minutes from the Hotel Manchester.

Following a careful study of English conditions—ground, turf, weather, etc.—several sets of boots will be made for the players to suit any and all occasions.

All squad members will undergo a thorough medical, psychological and biological test before their departure for England.

It has already been announced that even the greatest player will be dropped from the team if tests show that in an international match he is unwilling or incapable of doing his best.

So anybody who wants to beat these Brazilians in 1966 has to get up pretty early.

Yesterday, for example . . .

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Spartak Sokolovo of Prague brought some 200 supporters with them to London for their European Cup-Winners' Cup match against West Ham United.

This was the first time that supporters from an Iron Curtain country were allowed to travel to any other country than Austria.

Most of the Czech touring party was made up of relatives of the players and officials but there were also some unattached soccer lovers.

One of the Czechs, interviewed on BBC radio said he was amazed at the intensity with which West Ham were encouraged by their supporters.

"Whoever said the British sports fans were cold and reserved should drop in on any British team when they play an international match at home", he said.

HUNGARY

Australian fans may like to know that the Budapest team MTK which was supposed to tour here either last November or next February is at present the subject of a quiet inquiry.

This was ordered by the club management itself after news reached them that MTK had suffered a humiliating 7-1 defeat at the hands of Eintracht Trier—a West German second division team.

The Swedish Djurgarden, on the other hand—the team which has been keen to come here for three years—easily beat the best Hong Kong side 7-2 last week . . .

ENGLAND

Kenneth Wolstenholme, the BBC's top soccer commentator had his latest book "Soccer round the world" published last week.

In the book Wolstenholme gives his list of the world's greatest clubs.

They are, in order: Real Madrid, Benfica, Santos, Penarol, River Plate, Anderlecht, Feyenoord, Dukla Prague, Red Star Belgrade, Racing Paris, Spartak Moscow and Hamburger SV.

Wolstenholme justifies these highly controversial ratings by pointing out that all these clubs have a great record both on the home and international fronts over the last 30 years.

Wolstenholme's top 10 players in the world today are Greaves, Eusebio, Rivera, Van Himst Law, Pele, Garincha, Puskas, Seeler and Suarez, but not particularly in that order.

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Billy Walker, the former Aston Villa and England forward, died last Saturday week.

Walker managed Notts Forest until 1959 when he became a director of the club.

Walker was a personal friend of Angus Macdonald, the former Glasgow Rangers inside-left, who now lives in Sydney.

SCOTLAND

Second division Ayr United may disband next season.

The club which was founded in 1911 draws the smallest gates in Scottish professional soccer and cannot carry on its commitments.

A fortnight ago, at the club's last home game, there were only 900 spectators to see Ayr play Montrose.

Most people in Ayrshire would rather travel 10 miles to watch Kilmarnock or another 20 to see Rangers.

A group of Glasgow businessmen has offered to save Ayr United but club officials are unlikely to accept and its now odds-on the club will be the first to disband in Scotland since Edinburg's Leith Athletic in 1953.

PORTUGAL

Eusebio, Benfica's famous colored forward, is almost certain to play in Spain next year.

Eusebio's contract with the Lisbon club expires in July 1966 and he has openly stated that he is not keen to renew it.

The Mozambique-born star would like to play for Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid or Barcelona, Spain's "big three".

Although it's too early to make a prediction it is understood that Eusebio will be offered a fabulous contract by Real Madrid to replace Ferenc Puskas who is expected to retire at the end of the 1965-66 Spanish season.

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EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Lausanne v. Slavija Sofia 2-1 (Lausanne); Torino v. Haka Valkeosken (Finland) 5-0 (Turin).

FAIR CITIES' CUP: Celtic v. Barcelona 0-0 (Glasgow); Manchester United v. Borussia Dortmund 4-0 (Manchester); Juventus v. Stade Paris 1-0 (Turin).

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Belgium v. France 3-0 (Brussels); Bulgaria v. USSR 0-0 (Sofia); Italy v. Denmark 3-1 (Bologna).

AUSTRIA (14th round): Wiener Neustadt v. Rapid 0-1; GAK v. Vienna 3-1; Admira Energie v. LASK 1-1; Wacker Innsbruck v. Wacker Wien (postponed); WAC v. FK Austria 1-3; Kapfenberg v. Schwechat 2-0; Wiener SK v. Sturm Graz 1-0. **Comp. leaders:** Rapid, Wiener SK 21; FK Austria 18; Innsbruck, Admira, Vienna 17.

FRANCE (15th round): Lille v. Valenciennes 1-1; Strasbourg v. Toulouse 5-3; Nantes v. Sedan 2-2; Stade Francais v. Rennes 2-1; Bordeaux v. Lens 0-0; Angers v. Rouen 1-0; Lyon v. Nimes **2-1; Monaco v. Toulon 1-0. Comp. leaders:** Valenciennes, Lyon 20; Sochaux, Nimes 17; Rennes, Sedan, Nantes, Bordeaux 16.

PORTUGAL (8th round): Benfica v. Toreense 6-0; Porto v. Belenenses 2-0; Varzim v. Braga 0-0; Setubal v. Academica 1-2; Seixal v. CUF 2-2; Guimaraes v. Leixoes 4-0; Lusitano v. Sporting Lisbon 1-1. **Comp. leaders:** Benfica 13; Guimaraes 12; CUF, Academica 11; Setubal 10.

SPAIN (12th round): Barcelona v. Real Oviedo 5-0; Coruna v. Cordoba 2-0; Levante v. Espanol 2-0; Betis v. Valencia 0-1; Atletico Madrid v. Elche 2-0; Murcia v. Real Madrid 1-2; Zaragoza v. Las Palmas 0-0. **Comp. leaders:** Real Madrid 19; Atletico Madrid 17; Valencia, Zaragoza 16; **Sevilla 15.**

WEST GERMANY: Borussia Neuenkirchen v. Hertha Berlin 2-2; Hannover 96 v. VFB Stuttgart 2-1; FC Nurnberg v. FC Koln 3-0; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Eintracht Braunschweig 2-2; Hamburger SV v. Munchen 1860 3-2.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: (13th round): Slovan Bratislava v. Kladno 1-1; Slovan Teplice v. Tatran Presov 0-2; Kosice v. Spartak Trnava 2-0; Jednota Trencin v. Sokolovo Prague 0-1; Jiskra Otrokovice v. Slovnaft Bratislava 1-0; CKD Prague v. Dukla Prague 2-1; Banik Ostrava v. ZJS Brno 4-0. **Comp. leaders:** Sokolovo Prague 22; Dukla Prague 19; Tatran Presov 17; Banik Ostrava 15.

YUGOSLAVIA (13th round): Hajduk v. Vojvodina 2-1; OFK Belgrade v. Zeljeznicar 1-4; Zagreb v. Dinamo Zagreb 1-0; Sarajevo v. Red Star Belgrade 3-0; Vardar v. Partizan Belgrade 2-2; Sutjeska v. Rijeka 2-0; Radnicki v. Tresnjevka 2-1. **Comp. leaders:** Partizan Belgrade 20; Sarajevo, Dinamo Zagreb 16; Rijeka, Radnicki 14.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Both the first and second division 1965 Sydney competitions will start on April 4. The first division Grand Final will be played on September 19 at the Sports Ground. There will be no semifinals next season for the second and third grade and the second division finals, too, will be abolished.

Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

HAKOAH have officially appointed Slavia-Melbourne's Brian Birch as their coach for 1965. Birch, an Englishman, was one of the original "Busby Babes" of Manchester United and survived the Manchester United air crash in 1958. He came out to Melbourne earlier this year and coached Slavia to victory in the Dockerty Cup.

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PAN Hellenic, too, have secured a top Melbourne coach for next season. He is Manny Poulakakis who won the 1962 Victorian State League with SM-Hellas and the Australia Cup with George Cross this season. Poulakakis had a short spell with Hakoah Sydney and Auburn when he first arrived in Australia three years ago.

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HORACIO Rivero, a 24-year-old Argentinian centre-forward, has signed for APIA. Rivero played for Independiente, Millionarios (Colombia) and Rosario Central. In 1963 when he played in Bogota, Colombia, he was rated the best player in the first division. Earlier this year Spanish clubs Zaragoza and Valladolid offered £40,000 for his services. Rivero will arrive in Sydney next month.

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AT the Annual General Meeting of the Sutherland club, held on December 3, the following officers were elected: G. Gilham, president; L. Speakman and A. Arrighi, vice-presidents; T. Child, secretary.

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YUGAL officials are confident that Sydney fans will see the best of Rafaneli in 1965. The Yugoslav forward has been most impressive at training and big things are expected of him now that he has settled down. Yugal have been training practically since the end of the official season.

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CORINTHIANS' AGM will be held next Tuesday night at Asbestos House, York Street, and not at the Britisch Ex-Servicemen's club as reported last week.

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THE Irish player mentioned in this column a fortnight ago, Malachy O'Neill, will arrive in the first week in January to join Cumberland.

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SLAVKO Pacanin arrived back in Sydney last Thursday after spending 12 months in Yugoslavia. He looked very fit and should strengthen Yugal's feeble forward-line. Pacanin announced that later this month a right-winger from Yugoslavia, Nikolovski, will also join the club.

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JOE Vlasits has been appointed Bankstown's coach for 1965. He was appointed because the club feels he has the golden touch with youngsters and are confident that he will unearth another Smith, Watkiss or Warren for them.

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HAKOAH will entertain all their players at a Christmas party on December 18 at a venue still to be decided.

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Max Garrett, who recently returned from the Tokyo Olympics, will be interviewed on Channel 7. He will give his impressions on the Olympic soccer tournament.

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JAMES Gallagher arrived to join Cumberland last Thursday. The former Celtic forward will move into a new flat at Lidcombe and a job as electrician is awaiting him.

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PAN Hellenic will release the names of three top overseas signings aged between 20 and 25 in the next fortnight. They are also likely to buy two top local players.

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CUMBERLAND United will also meet South Coast United in a trial match on January 17 at Woonona and Budapest early in February. Cumberland have already arranged to meet Pan Hellenic on January 8 and APIA on January 15.

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THE Wentworth Park Trust has agreed in principle to the erection of floodlighting at the ground at Glebe. The Trust also agreed to grant the Federation a long term lease of Wentworth Park once the floodlights are installed.

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EVERY Polonia-NS official who stood for re-election was reappointed to the management committee at the club's Annual General Meeting on November 29. The club's president is K. Warzecha, the vice-presidents are Dr Rossleigh and C. Woodward, the treasurer K. Chodkiewicz and the secretary for the third term, Tad Targ.

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HAKOAH started training last Thursday week. All first and second team players attended the session at Wentworth Park late in the afternoon. The club will hold two trainings a week until Christmas, then increase them to four in January.

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SUTHERLAND centre-forward Sam Cucitti burnt himself badly when an oxy welding torch blew up in his hand at work last week.

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HAKOAH may have a fully qualified doctor playing for them next season. He is Dr. Martin Black, formerly of English amateur non-league club Wingate. Black left England last week to lecture at the Sydney University Medical School.

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ABORIGINAL boys at the Kinchela Home at Kempsey are showing their prowess at soccer. Newcomers to the sport, they recently defeated a strong visiting side from Kotara, Newcastle, 5-1. The match signalled the start of organised junior soccer in the district and was sponsored by the Kempsey National Fitness Council.

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PAN Hellenic have arranged for trial games starting on January 8 against Cumberland, Hakoah, APIA, South Coast United, Prague and Yugal.

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CUMBERLAND United centre-half Dick Folwell is holidaying in Western Australia. He will be back in the first week in January.

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HAKOAH will play trial games against Yugal on January 10, Pan Hellenic on January 17 and APIA on January 31—all at Wentworth Park.

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AMONG the better known players on Pan Hellenic's transfer list are Bob McKellar (£1200), Jack Curry (£1000) and Jan Bout (£650).

Pan Hellenic stopper J. Curry

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CUMBERLAND's new goalkeeper Derek Griffin is showing good form at training and is working out with Cumberland number one custodian Brian Stevens. Griffin's most outstanding feature as a goalie are his tremendous throws.

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POLONIA-NS started training last Wednesday night at Concord Oval.

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AT the A.G.M. of the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches, Monday 30th November, Denis Adrigan was elected president, Joe Vlasits senior vice-president and Andrew McLaughlin was re-elected secretary. The meeting was attended by delegates of the Northern NSW and South Coast Branches of the Federation of Coaches.

SEARCH FOR JUNIORS IN INNER-CITY DISTRICTS

From KEITH GILMOUR

The junior soccer population explosion, so evident around the perimeter of Sydney, has not yet had a marked effect on the inner city.

Three near-city Associations are Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury and Western Suburbs.

Records show that the biggest of these, Canterbury, has increased by only seven teams in the past three years.

It now fields a solid 160 sides.

In the same period Eastern Suburbs have only gained six teams.

Great jump

Western Suburbs, a smaller Association with big possibilities, has grown from 33 to 62 teams.

In dramatic contrast, the outer-city Sutherland Shire Association jumped from 128 to 324 teams in the same period.

Expressed in other terms, in three years Sutherland gained a player strength equal to long-established Canterbury's total playing strength, plus another 36 teams to boot.

On a player basis Sutherland is double Canterbury Association's strength.

All around Sydney's borders the schoolboy player growth is continued.

Bankstown, Manly-Warringah, Granville, Kuring-gai, Gladesville-Hornsby and Nepean are jumping ahead.

Canterbury, with a fully-developed area, have not the crop of extra youngsters to increase at a great rate.

Western Suburbs have overcome a past neglect of juniors in the Five Dock, Drummoyne, Leichhardt and Concord districts.

Homebush, Strathfield, Burwood, Ashfield, Balmain and a dozen other suburbs need exploitation.

A big and satisfying task lies ahead for Wests' officials.

Eastern Suburbs have gained from the development of Hakoah, Prague and Pan Hellenic juniors.

The future must lie in more suburb clubs of the Waverley and Maroubra kind.

Eastern Suburbs officials sum up 1965 prospects so far as an increase in all-age teams only.

City static

Extra grounds are being sought in Centennial Park.

South Sydney remains untapped.

Northern Suburbs Association, situated just north of the bridge, moves slowly despite a growing migrant population.

One present anomaly is that the strong city spectator soccer areas are not strong in junior clubs.

Plenty of lads are seen kicking footballs in parks and beaches summer and winter, but organized play is missing.

How can this deficiency in schoolboy and junior soccer be overcome in the inner city?

One simple scheme may help.

Call meetings through short articles in the local press, and by having messages read in schools.

Start work with the few people who turn up.

Work effectively, and watch the clubs grow.

Soccer will then permanently take over the inner city.

Who will call meetings and start near-city junior clubs?

Some enthusiasts who read this article, I hope.

Because, you see, there are so few others who will do the job.

LAST ISSUE NEXT WEEK

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TWO TOP CZECHS COMING

The Czechoslovakian FA has agreed in principle to send two top players to Australia next year.

The players, Milos Kvacek and Anton Moravcik, will play for Prague as a goodwill gesture from the Czechs towards Australian soccer.

Prague president John Domabyl is expected to complete all the arrangements for the players' departure to Australia when he is in Czechoslovakia later this month.

Kvacek, 30, plays for second division club Liaz Jablonec but starred in the first division for many years with top club Spartak Hradec Kralove.

He was the second highest goalscorer in both the first and second division and has played for the Czech Olympic team.

Moravcik, an inside-forward, is one of the greats of Czech football, having played 30 times in the full national team at inside-forward.

He plays for internationally famous Slovan Bratislava.

Interest in Australian soccer is high in Czechoslovakia since Stefan Cambal joined Prague three months ago.

Hardly a week goes by without some item on Australian soccer appearing in the Czechoslovakian newspapers.

—Lou Gautier

SWISS ARE TOP SCORERS

The Swiss may not be in the forefront of European soccer but they can pride themselves on scoring the most goals in Europe.

A recent survey revealed that Swiss first division matches produced an average of 4.07 goals, well ahead of any other country.

Scotland is in second place with 3.36 goals a match, then come Austria 3.44, England 3.41, West Germany 3.40, Holland 3.38, etc.

Italy, where "catenaccio" is a necessary evil to survive in Europe's toughest competition, is predictibly in last place with a mere 2.11 goals.

Sydney's first division competition in 1964 pro[illegible] average of 4.03 g[illegible] every match.

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The University [illegible] won the Chilean co[illegible]ion for the first time sin[illegible] 1956.

Universidad [illegible] by Chile's fo[illegible] authority, Fe[illegible]

Riera coache[illegible] an national [illegible] third place in [illegible] World Cup and [illegible] home early this ye[illegible] a stint in Portuga[illegible] Benfica.

The University of Ch[illegible] finished eight points ah[illegible] of Colo Colo, the countr[illegible] glamor club, and 10 legths in front of the Catholic University and Wanderers.

Riera next season, however, will move to Argentina to join San Lorenzo.

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Coaches gain long sought status with voting power

By LOU GAUTIER

The NSW Coaches Federation scored a major breakthrough last Wednesday week when the Annual General Meeting granted them a seat and a vote in the NSW Council.

In an impressive display of support the Coaches' affiliation was approved by 19 votes to eight.

The Budapest-St. George club had recommended that the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches be an affiliated body of the NSW Federation on the same lines as the Referees' Association.

The coaches had been striving for this recognition since the formation of their Federation eight years ago and last week's massive vote in their favor was a triumph for their thankless, yet vital, cause.

Whistlers' support

The referees' delegate, Roy Pearce, at the AGM started the ball rolling in favor of the coaches' affiliation when he said they were entitled to the same rights as the referees and put their views forward officially in council meetings.

Federation vice-president Jim Bayutti also spoke for the motion.

He extolled the tremendous work the coaches were doing for practically nothing in developing junior talent.

Bayutti said he welcomed the coaches' affiliation as it would allow them to work in close co-operation with the Management Committee on various projects.

The Coaches Federation will now run the proposed "soccer academy" in conjunction with the Federation.

Bayutti's impassioned plea must have swung many clubs behind the coaches' case for official recognition.

Polonia-North Side also supported Budapest's notice of motion.

"The coaches are the key to progress in Australian soccer", their delegate told the AGM.

Move attacked

Two clubs spoke against the notice of motion, Cumberland and Yugal.

Jim Pratt said the coaches were not entitled to a Council vote because they were nothing more than employees, and employees never sat on the board of any company.

Yugal's Maaron Kovacevic was far more biting in his criticism.

"Let's not be sentimental about coaching", he pleaded.

"Coaches should be registered with the Federation before applying for a council vote.

"To this day every coach is more or less independent.

"They get paid for their work and have no right to dictate to this Council as they undoubtedly would if given the privilege to sit in Council and express their views", he said.

Federation vice-president Frank Parsons surprisingly spoke against the motion although his co-vice president Jim Bayutti had supported it earlier.

Parsons said he was against granting the Coaches Federation a vote for one reason only.

"Not all coaches are members of the NSW Coaches Federation—not by a long shot," he said.

"The Management Committee can't afford to be restricted by a body which does not speak for all Sydney coaches.

"If the Coaches Federation in its present form is accepted into the Council it will only represent a minority of coaches, excluding most of the top coaches operating in NSW", he said.

The Management Committee in principle favors the Coaches Federation's affiliation but will demand that every active coach in Sydney join the Coaches Federation to ensure the body becomes truly representative.

This is opposed by some clubs as they claim it would be nothing short of "compulsory unionism" and many coaches have no inclination in joining any official body.

End of exile

They feel that clubs who pay big money to secure overseas coaches should have complete control over them.

Members of the NSW Coaches Federation were overjoyed at the extent of the clubs' support.

They had not expected such massive support and were openly worried before the meeting they would not get a majority.

"We have at long last gained recognition after years in the wilderness and now will really be able to get things done", a leading Coaches Federation official said after the meeting.

Another leading coach said it was about time the clubs woke up to the selfless task Sydney coaches had assumed for years.

"Their vote has vindicated our tireless efforts", he said.

RULES EASED ON TOURS BY OVERSEAS TEAMS

Sydney clubs last weekend struck a blow against the Management Committee's tight control on overseas and interstate touring teams.

A Management Committee notice of motion at the AGM that clubs should give 28 days notice before playing visiting teams was defeated by 16 votes to eight.

Clubs will still naturally have to seek the Federation's approval to stage any matches against overseas and interstate teams.

There was no argument on that score.

The 28 days notice motion, however, met with hostility from the majority of clubs.

Prague secretary George Warner, speaking against the motion said it was most impracticable for clubs to have to give every detail to the Federation 28 days in advance.

"This clause is quite unnecessary as the Federation is empowered to reject any application when submitted by the club concerned," he said.

"It's quite ridiculous to also have to give so much notice for a simple interstate visit as nobody knows one's commitments so far ahead", he added.

New era

NSW Federation Chairman Ben Nathan said 28 days was "vital" because any application to sponsor an overseas team had to be referred back to the Australian Federation, causing a delay.

This argument, however, did not sway the clubs in their vote against the notice of motion.

The only clubs who voted for the motion were those without an earthly chance of ever bringing a team out from overseas or interstate.

All the "big" clubs rejected the MC's recommendation.

The vote against the motion means that clubs won't be so restricted any more when it comes to dealing with overseas clubs and this will facilitate their negotiations.

For Sydney fans it may herald a new era of frequent visits from foreign clubs sponsored by local clubs like Prague did earlier this year with FC Basel.

METRO-CROATIA MAY BE RE-BAPTISED AGAIN, ZAGREB LIKELY CHOICE

Metropolitan-Adriatic SC failed in their bid to have their name changed back to Croatia at the close of the 1964 NSW Federation's Annual General Meeting.

The AGM rejected Metro's plea by 20 votes to seven in a secret ballot after hearing only four speakers debate the notice of motion, two from the Management Committee and the two Metro delegates to the Council.

Now the chances are that an entirely new name will be found for the club—possibly Zagreb SFC.

Metro's unsuccessful bid did not come as a surprise as the vast majority of clubs had openly admitted that they were not prepared to challenge the Management Committee on this matter.

They felt they had lodged enough of a protest by thwarting the Management Committee's plans to demote Metro to second division three weeks ago and had no intention of further fighting Metro's battles.

The lack of speakers either for or against the motion was indication that every club had already made its mind up before coming to the meeting and the call for a secret ballot was further prooof that Metro's hopes of winning their case were nil.

Singled out

Metro president I. Dubravcic made a dramatic 15 minute speech in which he said his club had endured enough without being forced to change its name.

He claimed that the club had suffered great financial stress since the Federation forced the change of name last year because players had become demoralized and spectator support had fallen off.

"We must retain the name Croatia to keep our fans who will not support an artificial name like Metropolitan Adriatic which means nothing and never will.

"In the mind of all soccer officials and spectators we are still and will always be Croatia whatever any one chooses to call us.

"Soccer in Australia is supported mainly by migrants at this stage of our development, so why should the Croatian community be singled out and forced to drop a name which means so much to them?

"We would be the first club to comply if the Federation decreed that all national names must go, but we resent being made a scapegoat when the name Croatia does not seem to offend soccer officials in any other State in Australia", he added.

With the meeting's approval, chairman Ben Nathan called on former Federation vice-president Frank Hoffmann to present the Management Committee's case.

Hoffmann pointed out that Croatia officials last season had not objected to the change of name when they were summoned to appear before the Management Committee to show reason why they should not be expelled from the Federation.

"Croatia's officials actualiy picked the name of Metropolitan-Adriatic.

Worst record

"The Management Committee would be quite happy to allow Metro to choose another name but not one connected with Croatia in any way."

Hoffmann implored the clubs to support the MC's decision because Croatia had to pay some sort of penalty for their appalling record.

"The former Croatia club was the worst administered club in the history of Sydney soccer and they broke every rule," he said.

Metro's second Council delegate, Joe Vasilj, closed the debate by saying that the Management Committee could have devised other forms of penalty.

"They could have forced us to play our home matches behind closed gates or fined us for administrative failures but when they force us to change our name they are also insulting the 10,000 Croatians in Australia.

"Give us a chance and Croatia will be the pride of Sydney soccer", Vasilj said.

The AGM, however, would not give Croatia that chance as the big vote in support of the Management Committee showed.

Although Croatia put up a brave showing they never had a chance and were ill-advised to fight this issue right on the heels of their reprieve from demotion to second division.

The general feeling in soccer circles is that if they had waited a few months before appealing against the change of name they would have stood a better chance.

Draw for 1965 Fed. Cup already made

Sydney's Federation Cup will kick off on March 6, 1965 and will again be open to all first and second division clubs.

The first rounds of the Federation Cup will be played between the proposed dates for the Sydney matches of the Russian tour and the start of the 1965 first and second division premierships.

The first round of the Federation Cup will only involve second division clubs.

In the second round there will be two matches between first division clubs: SCU v. Prague and Hakoah v. Polonia-North Side.

All other first division clubs will play the second division winners of first round clashes for the right of entry into the quarterfinals.

Federation Cup matches will be played on the weekends of March 6-7, March 20-21, 27-28, April 24-25 and the semifinals on May 23 with the final on June 13, during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

Clubs will again be competing for £1,000 prize money and the Henry Seamonds Trophy.

(SOCCER WORLD next week will publish the detailed draw of the 1965 Federation Cup.)

Linesmen stay

Linesmen at all Sydney matches next year will remain on the same side of the field instead of changing over at half time.

This will ensure that linesmen follow both forwardlines during a match.

The clubs almost unanimously voted for this recommendation which had been forwarded by the Management Committee at last week's adjourned AGM session.

The referee, however, will have the power to switch linesmen at any time during the match if he feels the move is warranted.

This is to protect a linesman if he is heckled or molested by a section of the crowd on his side of the field.

AUST. CUP HOLDER SEEDED

Last week's Annual General Meeting approved a Yugal notice of motion that the winner of the Australia Cup should defend its trophy whether it qualifies or not the following year.

The AGM instructed NSW delegates to the Australian Federation to put its wishes to the ruling body.

Victoria is known to support the move but whether it goes through or not, from now on if a Sydney club wins the Australia Cup it will automatically take part in the series the following year without having to qualify.

KANGAROOS WIN FIRST UP

Bathurst Kangaroo Football Club completed a very successful season by winning the "Ascobani Shield" at the end of the Western Districts competition in which 10 teams took part.

Competing were three teams from Bathurst: Bathurst Olympics, Bathurst City and Kangaroo; two Orange clubs: Bloomfield and Emoco and one apiece from Dubbo, Lithgow, Cowra, Forbes and Wyangala.

The following players represented the Bathurst Kangaroos in their Western Districts win: Kuffner: Holden, Kaljar, Smercek, Nadj, Hanrety, Tony Bonic, Antovski, Gregoric, Djokovic, Sinadinovic, Kuzman and Leo Bonic.

The Kangaroos' win is all the more impressive as the club is only one year old.

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Another "stormy" AGM fizzles out

The expected constitutional shake-up designed to streamline administration in Adelaide failed to reach fruition before the annual general meeting was adjourned.

Alterations to the constitution will be tabled at a meeting on January 6.

Most of the AGM was devoted to reports from delegates Mario Bailetti and Jim Connell on the ASF council meeting held in Sydney.

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Birkalla Rovers have chosen the following squad to begin training next Sunday under coach John Lindquist for the Ampol series: H. Bambacus, E. Chisholm, R. Cowin, R. Gromadzki, W. Hardie, J. Janitz, M. Mann, D. Tanner, C. Wittwer, T. Wetton, R. Jones, R. McLuckie, J. Mortimer, S. Mortimer, P. May, B. Sutherland.

Polonia and SA Youth squad forward Richard Hamence has been signed by Birkalla but Polonia have not yet granted him a clearance.

Birkalla and former State player Barry Sutherland will wed on December 26.

STARS FOR HELLAS

Hellas, dual cup winners in their first season in SA's top division last year, are setting their sights on the premiership bull's eye in 1965.

Led by energetic secretary Sam Savvas, the new Hellas committee are right on target and prepared to load with imported ammunition.

Already negotiations have been completed for two top class overseas forwards to come to Adelaide.

They are former Glasgow Celtic centre forward Alexander Byrne and Haralambos Gavrilidis, from the Olympiakos club in Athens.

The Scottish star whose last club was Queen of the South, has sent his baggage to Adelaide and is expected shortly.

Gavrilidis, 23, was transferred last season to Olympiakos for £6,000 and Hellas are hopeful of having him in action for the winter season.

Sam Savvas also told SOCCER WORLD that negotiations were proceeding for two more players from Greece.

The newly appointed secretary predicts a bright future for Hellas.

With 20 Greek community schools in Adelaide's metropolitan area, Hellas has a reservoir of potential [illegible].

Marmaras blasts game's administration in Victoria

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Soccer Federation last week was highlighted by the strong and pointed remarks the chairman, Theo Marmaras made about the Federation administration.

He stood on no ceremony or made no bones that the administration in Victoria left much to be desired.

In fact his statements indicated that this all-important phase of the game was nothing less than a shambles.

And from the outside looking in, one cannot but admit that this is true

Among other things Theo Marmaras blasted:

☆ Too much waste of time with too many meetings. Some delegates go to meetings just for fun and to disagree. This leads to the best of friends becoming enemies.

☆ Too much bad relations on the part of clubs with the Press, TV and Radio. Those are the people who can really foster the game from the publicity angle. He suggested that the press should receive the maximum co-operation from clubs.

☆ Referees have faults. But FIFA officials stated our referees were not as bad as we thought they were.

☆ State League, Metropolitan Leagues, Country Leagues and Juniors should all operate under their own management.

☆ Indentification of players with cards would make the ruling body's and referees' job much easier.

☆ Give the foreign language press more plaudits and a better go.

☆ Put junior games on as curtain raisers to encourage the boys.

☆ Follow NSW's lead of having three games on Saturdays and three on Sundays.

Stern warning

In conclusion Theo Marmaras issued a very stern warning.

"We have made far too many blunders and we must put our house in order, otherwise I am finished.

"Soccer is no longer a backyard game in Australia and although I don't want to be a dictator I don't wish to be involved in any organisation with bad administration."

Strong words indeed by Theo Marmaras.

And a credit to the chairman who can hit the nail so squarely on the head with such sincerity.

Let's hope the warning is heeded and Victorian soccer can look forwards to a new era.

Other points from the meeting were:

Finance:

● A deficit of £3000 in 1963 was turned into an estimated profit of £2387 in 1964.

● From the Basel and Munster games the funds benefited to the extent of £2400 while the Everton game resulted in a profit of £4200.

● The 1964 balance will be further boosted by the allocation of the Pools money which is expected to be around £3000.

● The pure expenditure of the Federation was £8400 which includes staff wages, Soccer House, printing, telephones etc. This works out at £140 per club in membership of the State and Metropolitan leagues.

Election of officials:

The position of president was the only one filled and Harry Dockerty was again re-elected.

His nomination was the only one lodged and accepted in accordance with the constitution.

Three other names mentioned for the two positions of honorary vice presidents were A. Kun of Melbourne and J. Pellegrini, former chairman of Juventus who are the sitting officials. The third candidate is Tommy Burns who is secretary of the Federation Trustees.

A special meeting will be held on January 30 to decide these positions and other business.

CLUBS IN DARK ON AMPOL CUP SET-UP

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The SA Federation is injecting more suspense into the 1965 Ampol night series than even the masterly Alfred Hitchcock could contemplate for his mystery films.

The popular summer series must begin within a month if there is to be a break before the winter season which normally starts in mid-April.

When this issue went to press details of the series had still not been decided and clubs were clamoring for information.

Last year the first division teams were divided into two groups.

Federation rules stipulate that the top 10 must contest the series but some clubs are known to favor a knock-out competition.

Many clubs have begun training but some others understandingly refuse to act until fixtures are released.

Coaches can hardly be expected to plan training schedules when it is not certain whether the series will be run along similar lines to last year's or become a knock-out competition.

Last year the cup was played on Wednesday nights at Thebarton Oval but the new series is expected to revert to Monday nights at Hindmarsh.

Persistent trouble with the lighting at Hindmarsh could be one reason for the delay.

Each time the lights have been used recently a number of globes have blown.

The Federation have now decided to call in a team of lighting experts to rectify the fault.

With clubs sharing gate takings the Ampol series has been lucrative in past seasons.

Cup holders Hellas received £946 last year and runners-up Budapest got £725 as their share of the gate takings.

As we went to press a delegation from the first division management committee comprising Joe Linarello, Fred Ward, Wally Tachuk and Harry Thompson had arranged to meet the special games committee to discuss the Ampol series.

Belatedly it seems clubs will at last be given the "good oil" on the series.

Setters goes

Manchester United star Maurice Setters last week signed for Stoke City.

Manager Matt Busby is likely to unload several more of his expensive and talented reserves like Graham Moore, the signing from Chelsea, Jimmy Nicholson, Irish international wing-half and Scot Ian Moir, the Aberdonian who a little while ago turned down a chance to go back home.

These three could fetch at least £75,000—and that only because United are prepared to cut their losses.

MELBOURNE CLUB NEWS

Longest serving State League coach, Ron Sawecki and his club Hakoah have parted company.

His successor at Middle Park is that controversial Irishman, Ollie Norris.

Norris who played for many years with Middlesboro and Bournemouth in England came to Australia in 1962 and joined Wilhelmina.

This past season he was transferred to Croatia where he has held the position of player-coach.

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Ted Lezon, a former executive member of the now defunct V.A.S.F.A. has been appointed team-manager of Polonia.

Polish himself, he has been associated with the club for many years.

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